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1. DUTCH EXPECT WCIWY WILL BE COME SEIZED WITH ISSUES THAT GO BEYOND THOSE INCLUDED AS AGENDA ITEMS. WHILE GON OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH CONFERENCE WOULD PREFER THAT DISCUSSIONS NOT STRAY TOO FAR FROM ALREADY WIDE-RANGING AGENDA, DUTCH DEFINITION OF WHAT IS OR IS NOT EXTRANEIOUS WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH US VIEWS.

2. HEAD OF DUTCH DELEGATION WILL BE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK, WHO, GIVEN HIS OWN COMMITMENT TO THIRD WORLD ISSUES, WILL NOT BE INCLINED TO LIMIT DISCUSSIONS TO APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SEEKING DUTCHSPONSORSHIP FOR RESOLUTION CONDEMNING TORTURE. GON DOES NOT WANT TO DAMAGE ITS CREDENTIALS AS LEADING COUNTRY IN GETTING ANTI-TORTURE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY

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APPROPRIATE BODIES LIKE UNGA, SO WILL PROBABLY DECLINE TO

SPONSOR RES AT WCIWY. NEVERTHELESS, DUTCH DEL WILL NOT TRY TO BLOCK DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT AT CONFERENCE, AND WOULD, OF COUSE, VOTE FOR ANY REASONABLE RES. ON SUBJECT PROPOSED BY OTHERS. DUTCH ALSO EXPECT RES. ON CHILE, AND WOULD PROBABLY "HAVE TO VOTE FOR IT".

3. AN ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING FACTOR, WE ARE TOLD, IS THAT DUTCH POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS ARE RELUCTANT TO OFFEND THE VARIOUS WOMEN'S GROUPS WHICH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE BY LIMITING THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION. AS TIME FOR CONFERENCE APPROACHES, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER DELEGATION AND DEVELOPING BACKGROUND PAPERS HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH INCREASINGLY MILITANT AND DEMANDING WOMEN'S GROUPS WHICH ARE OFTEN WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES.

4. GON DELEGATION TO WCIWY WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT TWENTY MEMBERS. DELEGATION TO IWY TRIBUNE NOW TOTALS NINE, BUT IS EXPECTED TO GO HIGHER. SEVERAL JOURNALISTS ARE ALSO PLANNING TO ATTEND, INCLUDING LIESBETH DEN UYL, WIFE OF DUTCH PRIMIN, WHO WILL BE IN MEXICO CITY AS FREE-LANCER. DELEGATION LIST TO WCIWY BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.
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